



FY2009 (7/1/08 – 6/30/09) Annual Work Plan Columbia Conservation District

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April aerial grass seeding on intensely burn areas.



Vision of the Columbia Conservation District

- *Columbia County residents will be enabled to implement stewardship of our natural resources through voluntary practices without compromise of economic viability or social standards of the region.*

Mission of the Columbia Conservation District

- *Provide the needed support to people who own, manage, or utilized the natural resources so their activities will enhance the region's natural resources while ensuring the quality of life & culture these resources provide.*

Natural Resource Priorities and Goals:

- 1) Look at CSP qualifications, and get the information to the producers – host/sponsor winter meetings.
- 2) Develop concept of soil quality parameters & measurements and how to accomplish.
- 3) Actively promote alternatives to burning, demonstrations, county tours – encourage research on alternatives.
- 4) Assist livestock producers in achieving compliance with water quality standards – self-assessment, educational events.
- 5) Continue to promote irrigation efficiencies program with remaining irrigators.
- 6) Facilitate Coordinated Resource Management type of activities for forest and grazing land managers.
- 7) Promote off-site water developments for range utilization.
- 8) Assist land managers develop and implement Fish & Wildlife Habitat management plans.
- 9) Enhancement of riparian areas.

Information – Education Priorities and Goals:

- *Conduct meetings to impart technical assistance to address resource concern.*
- *Organize and conduct an annual producer education day in January.*
- *Conduct a spring producer tour in May to evaluate current practices and potential alternatives and improvements.*
- *Support WSU Cooperative Extension in providing producer participation in agro-economic organizations, workshops, tours, and resource planning.*
- *Support farmland preservation*
- *Support resource based youth education.*
 - *Provide trees for 6th grade environmental camp.*
 - *Provide soil stewardship materials to all county school children in kindergarten through 5th grade.*

District Operations Priorities, Goals & Funding Sources:

- *Support staff training to maintain quality district operations.*
- *Support staff participation in state and region wide planning and programmatic task forces, committees, and teams.*

Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices



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Program Area: *Salmonid Habitat enhancement, restoration, protection*

Goal(s): *Address some portion of all the above listed District Long Range Goals.*

Funding Source(s): *BPA, WDOE, SRFB, and WCC.*

Aerial seeded grass stands in June.



| Activities for FY2009 | Target Dates | Person Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|--|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Assist cooperators to obtain funding to design and Install WDFW, USF&WS, and NOAA Fisheries compliant fish screens to irrigation water diversions. | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 10 | 5,000.00 |
| Assist cooperators to install WDOE compliant flow meters on screened water diversions. | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 16 | 38,000.00 |
| Assist cooperators in preparing applications for grant funding for desired resource benefiting projects. | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 15 | 16,000.00 |
| Develop executive summaries for 1 irrigation efficiencies project. | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 18 | 8,300.00 |
| Install 1 irrigation efficiencies project. | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 33 | 180,000.00 |
| Assist cooperator transition from CRP to direct seed system with rotational cereal crops. | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff | 15 | 13,000.00 |
| Install 6 new CREP projects | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 64 | 155,000.00 |
| Provide technical and financial assistance maintenance for 90 CREP contracts. | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 24 | 100,000.00 |
| Continue CREP extension on the Tucannon | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 20 | 162,000.00 |
| Participate in WCC CREP Task Force | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | Terry | 20 | 5,600.00 |
| Subcontract with USDA USFS to operate ISCO sediment samplers to monitor sediment transport in the Tucannon and Touchet rivers | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 3 | 15,000.00 |
| Develop Biological Assessment for future instream work | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | Staff | 20 | 6,000.00 |
| Manage natural resource enhancement grants | 7/1/08-6/30/09 | Staff | 90 | 28,800.00 |



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Program Area: *Production Agriculture*

Goal(s): *Address some portion of all the above listed District Long Range Goals.*

Funding Source(s): *Administrative Services, WCC, BPA*



Production Ag Education Tour

| Activities for FY2009 | Target Dates | Person Responsible | Time(Days) Required | Estimated Funding |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Participate in WCC State Livestock Influenced Water Quality Task Force | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | Terry | 12 | 4,000.00 |
| Install 4 Livestock Management Plans | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 55 | 84,500.00 |
| Administer the Columbia County Agriculture Burn Program for the Columbia County Commission and WDOE | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff team | 120 | 38,000.00 |
| Working through WSU encourage a honors class and/or graduate study on soil quality | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | Staff and WSU Extension | 10 | 1,800.00 |
| Look into the feasibility of establishing a soil lab to benefit cooperators | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | Staff | 10 | 1,300.00 |
| Initiate Fire wise program in cooperation with Fire District 3 | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | CCD staff, FD3 | 65 | 15,000.00 |
| Conduct 1 annual cooperator/producer educational meeting | January 2009 | Staff and WSU Extension | 12 | 1,300.00 |
| Conduct 1 spring producer tour including FFA classes | May 2009 | Staff and WSU Extension | 5 | 1,000.00 |
| Provide trees for riparian development to 6 th grade camp | April 2009 | CCD staff team | 3 | 500.00 |
| Provide Soil Stewardship Materials to county Kindergartners through 5 th graders | April 2009 | Staff | 3 | 350.00 |
| Work with School District to include accredited vocational math and science in their curriculum | 7/1/08–6/30/09 | Staff and WSU Extension | 12 | 3,200.00 |



FY2008 Annual Budget **(7/1/08 – 6/30/09)* Columbia Conservation District

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| Employee Expenses | | |
| Salaries | \$130,000.00 | |
| Benefits | <u>\$ 19,000.00</u> | \$149,000.00 |
| Travel | <u>\$ 11,900.00</u> | \$ 11,900.00 |
| District Operations | | |
| Communications | \$ 2,700.00 | |
| Equipment Maintenance | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| Computer Support | \$ 1,200.00 | |
| Supplies | \$ 4,400.00 | |
| Trees | \$42,000.00 | |
| Professional Services | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Advertising | \$ 350.00 | |
| Insurance | \$ 3,000.00 | |
| Dues | \$ 2,400.00 | |
| Rent | \$ 3,500.00 | |
| Training | <u>\$ 3,000.00</u> | \$ 67,550.00 |
| Educational Activities | | |
| Supplies & Materials | \$ 700.00 | |
| Transportation | \$ 300.00 | |
| Professional Services | <u>\$ 1,200.00</u> | <u>\$ 2,200.00</u> |
| | | \$230,650.00 |
| Project Implementation by funding source (cost share & professional services to carry out implementation) | | |
| BPA | \$230,000.00 | |
| SRFB | \$100,000.00 | |
| WDOE | \$ 32,000.00 | |
| WCC | <u>\$287,000.00</u> | <u>\$649,000.00</u> |
| Total | | \$879,650.00 |

* We operate on a fiscal year of January 1st through December 31st.

** Budget doesn't include awards for grants being submitted this year.

